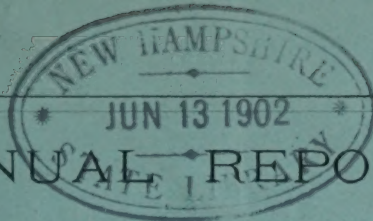


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REPORT.

PAID THE FOLLOWING BILLS BY ORDERS ON THE TOWN TREASURER.

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid Solon A. Carter, state tax,	\$1236 00
Henry W. Furber, county tax,	2958 83
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	\$4194 83

SCHOOLS.

Paid Morrill B. Smith,	\$308 00
Frederick A. Copp,	896 00
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	\$1204 00

PAUPER BILLS.

Paid Samuel W. Roberts, for C. Carter,	\$1 00
P. O. Cottle, for James Bickford,	6 00
P. O. Cottle, for James A. Drew family,	9 37
W. F. Merrow, for S. L. McDaniels,	8 51
P. O. Cottle, for " "	18 05
H. P. Gilman for Rhoda Whitehouse,	4 00
J. E. Scruton, for " "	4 75
J. P. Gilman, for " "	17 70
P. O. Cottle, for Mary Allen,	5 45
M. C. Clark, for " "	20 00

Paid P. O. Cottle, for Addelade Horn,	6 00
H. A. Horn, for " "	6 00
S. W. Roberts, for " "	41 50
T. H. Cloutman, for " "	54 00
County of Carroll, for George O. Emerson,	96 34
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	\$298 67

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Alonzo Lovell,	\$1 14
N. O. Weeks,	1 50
J. R. Gilman,	3 75
W. H. Willey,	4 31
W. W. Berry,	4 45
C. C. Smith,	5 00
Daniel N. Tuttle,	6 00
J. M. Brierley,	6 25
William Towle,	7 00
Frank A. Dore,	8 25
J. W. Mathews,	9 60
Washington Libbey,	25 70
I. S. Loud,	25 38
Samuel B. Ames,	36 78
George W. Leavitt,	85 00
C. O. Morgan,	135 00
District No. 2,	9 16
" " 7,	26 69
" " 8,	45 76
" " 17,	4 00
" " 19,	55 25
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	\$505 97

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid District No. 1,	\$33 44
" 2,	35 04

Paid District No.	3,	49 98
"	4,	78 48
"	5,	32 70
"	6,	73 46
"	7,	33 48
"	8,	56 02
"	9,	30 36
"	10,	37 64
"	11,	40 20
"	13,	67 74
"	14 and 21,	58 92
"	15,	24 12
"	16,	44 76
"	17,	58 26
"	18,	6 48
"	19,	33 68
"	20 and 32,	82 38
"	22,	44 28
"	23,	43 48
"	24,	20 88
"	25,	53 00
"	26,	19 90
"	27,	5 76
"	28,	30 38
"	29,	19 92
"	30,	17 21
"	31,	43 74
"	33,	15 48
"	34,	42 78
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		\$1233 95

BONDS AND COUPONS.

Paid Lucy A. Wiggin, bonds Nos. 44, 45, 46 & 47,	\$400 00
Sarah A. Hall, " Nos. 5 and 48,	600 00
Interest coupons on bonds remaining unpaid,	364 00
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\$1364 00	

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Kate V. Weeks, notes and interest,	\$337 44
Asa H. Weeks, " "	363 82
John D. Hanson, interest on continued bond,	15 00
Robert H. Pike, " " "	2 00
Lucy A. Wiggin, " " "	13 33
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	\$731 59

RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES.

Paid James W. Garvin, proportion of interest on ministerial fund due the Episcopal so- ciety for the year ending March 1, 1887.	\$10 74
Joseph Spinney, 1-2 proportion of interest on ministerial fund due the Advent society for the year ending March 1, 1887,	5 37
Edwin W. Junkins, 1-2 proportion of inter- est on ministerial fund due the Congre- gational society for the year ending March 1, 1887,	5 37
Satchell Weeks, 1-2 proportion of interest on ministerial fund due the Congregational society for the year ending March 1, 1887,	5 37
James L. Wentworth, 1-2 proportion of inter- est on ministerial fund due the Advent so- ciety for the year ending March 1, 1887,	5 37
Eliza Blake, 1-2 proportion of interest on ministerial fund due the Methodist society for the year ending March 1, 1887,	10 74
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	\$42 96

OUTSTANDING BILLS.

Paid Josiah E. Archibald,	\$ 48
William H. Willey 2d,	1 13

Paid George F. Piper,	1 26
James L. Libbey,	6 60
Charles Merrow,	3 50
Turner N. Sowards,	3 00
George F. Atjutant,	5 40
John C. Philbrick,	8 95
Frank Lane,	9 60
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	\$39 92

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid George A. Yeaton,	\$1 00
George A Yeaton,	26 56
George E. Yeaton,	2 00
Samuel W. Roberts,	2 25
J. E. Scruton,	3 50
C. F. Roberts,	5 25
H. R. Waldron,	15 00
George O. Hannaford,	26 18
M. C. Clark,	89 77
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	\$171 51

PUBLIC WATER.

Paid L. W. Lary,	\$3 00
Turner N. Sowards,	3 00
J. W. Mathews,	3 00
J. R. Gilman,	3 00
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	\$12 00

DOG DEPREDACTIONS.

Paid James D. Hutchins,	18 sheep,	\$43 74
James L. Libbey,	4 "	9 72
George C. Pike,	4 "	9 72

Paid Wm. H. Willey 2d,	2 sheep,	4 86
William Towle,	1 "	2 43
James P. Fellows,	1 "	2 43
George W. Sowards,	1 "	2 43
Maddison Wentworth,	1 "	2 43
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		\$77 76

STATIONERY AND PRINTING.

Paid George S. Dorr,	\$41 75
P. O. Cottle,	10 26
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\$52 01	

ABATEMENTS.

Paid Blaisdell, Nathaniel W., loss of dog,	\$1 00
Brackett, Daniel, " "	1 00
Belevou, Lewis,	1 54
Bellimer, Mike,	98
Colbath, Jonathan B.,	98
Davis, Silas E.,	3 08
Drew, Ivory C.,	1 98
Drew, James A.,	4 26
Drew, John,	98
Dow, Anna D., loss of cattle,	2 00
Davis, John, loss of dog,	2 00
Dammask, Fred,	98
Emerson, Daniel W., dog,	1 00
Farnham, Asa M., heirs of,	2 45
Fellows, Charles S., dog,	1 00
Foss, Nathaniel,	1 54
Foss, Warren,	1 54
Garland, Alvah S.,	1 00

Paid Gilbert, Napoleon,	98
Glidden, Lorin J., error in assessment,	2 63
Horn, Martha B.,	1 55
Hussey, Octavus H.,	1 18
Haskell, Leslie E., paid in Wolfeboro.	10 04
Hanson, George, paid in Brookfield,	1 38
Hawkins, Andrew,	1 54
Harding, Charles,	98
Jenness, Chesley, heirs of,	1 78
Libbey, Joseph,	2 98
Loud, Alvin,	1 54
McDaniels, Samuel L.,	98
McDaniels, Robert C., dog,	1 00
McEntire, Charles,	1 54
Nason, William,	2 85
Osgood, Andrew B.,	2 42
Prue, Joseph,	98
Pike, Lincoln,	1 54
Pike, Royal, dog,	1 00
Perkins, Mary L., dog,	1 00
Rines, Samuel H.,	2 08
Reed, Fred A.,	2 63
Sawyer William A.,	98
Tebbetts, Edmund B., heirs of,	5 35
Tebbetts, Charles,	1 38
Towle, Charles E.,	2 08
Thompson, Ira J.,	2 08
Wentworth, David W. C.,	33
Wilkinson, Noah,	4 90
Wyman, William H.,	1 98
Whitehouse, Asa,	2 38
Willey, Edwin R.,	1 54
Wentworth, Myra, dog,	1 00
Weymouth, James F., dog,	1 00
Yeaton, John,	2 18

\$103 05

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid George A. Yeaton, Treasurer,	\$30 00
George H. Gage, Auditor,	2 00
Simon Blake, “	2 00
Asa M. Brackett, “	2 00
Joshua H. Cloutman, Supervisor,	10 00
John W. Mathews,	8 00
Morrill B. Smith, member of School Board,	35 00
Frederick A. Copp, “ “	42 00
George S. Dorr, Town Clerk,	29 85
Mayhew C. Clark, Collector,	100 00
Phinehas O. Cottle, Selectman,	98 50
Hanson T. Gilman, “	57 00
Ivory S. Loud, “	20 50
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	\$436 85

RECAPITULATION.

Paid State and County Taxes,	\$4194 83
Schools,	1204 00
Pauper bills,	298 67
Highways and Bridges,	505 97
Breaking Roads,	1233 95
Bonds and Coupons,	1364 00
Notes and Interest,	731 59
Religious Societies,	42 96
Outstanding Bills,	39 92
Miscellaneous Bills,	171 51
Public Water,	12 00
Dog Depredations,	77 76
Stationery and Printing,	52 01
Abatements,	103 05
Town Officers,	436 85
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	962 48
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	\$11,431 55

SUMS RECEIVED BY TREASURER.

Received of Treasurer for the year 1885,	\$110 08
from the County of Carroll,	174 78
Insurance Tax,	20 25
Railroad Tax.	487 28
Savings Bank Tax,	1300 24
Literary Fund,	188 80
Unworked Highway Taxes,	11 39
Mayhew C. Clark his tax list in full,	9138 73
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	\$11431 55

LIABILITIES.

Due the School District of the town of Wakefield unexpended money for the year 1886,	\$171 05
Districts Nos. 2, 3, 4, 8 and 10 unexpended money for the year 1885,	480 40
The several School Districts interest on school fund for the year 1886,	44 75
The Freewill Baptist Society 1-2 proportion of interest on ministerial fund from March 1, 1881 to March 1, 1883,	53 70
The Freewill Baptist Society proportion of interest on ministerial fund from March 1, 1886 to March 1, 1887,	10 74
The several religious societies, interest on ministerial fund for the year ending March 1, 1888,	53 73
John C. Penney, on town bond,	520 00
Sarah A. Hall,	104 00
Charles C. Richards,	1404 00
Mark H. Wentworth,	1248 00
Joseph Maleham, heirs of,	1248 00
Jacob Ballard,	624 00
Lizzie Pike,	520 00
Eliza Blake,	520 00
Mary A. Duntley,	416 00

Due Algernon S. Weeks,	52 00
Mary L. Perkins,	208 00
Susan A. Pike,	208 00
Almira Pike,	104 00
William A. Maleham,	52 00
Salome C. Weeks, heirs of,	104 00
Mary C. Ballard,	104 00
Belle C. Fall,	156 00
Lucy N. Fall,	156 00
Lucy A. Hill,	52 00
Elsie T. Langley, heirs of,	728 00
Irena Wentworth,	156 00
Mary Garland,	156 00
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	\$9654 37

BY SUMS DUE THE TOWN.

Due from the County of Carroll,	\$94 83
from Treasurer of 1886,	962 48
Balance against the town,	8597 06
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	\$9654 37

PHINEHAS O. COTTLE, } Selectmen of
HANSON P. GILMAN, } Wakefield.

Wakefield, March 4th, 1887.

We, the subscribers, two of the Auditors for the town of Wakefield, having, this day, carefully examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen, hereby report that we find them correctly cast, and a voucher for each charge.

GEORGE H. GAGE, }
SIMON BLAKE, } Auditors.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received from Treasurer for 1886,	\$110 08	
the County of Carroll,	174 78	
the State of New Hamp-		
shire,	1996 57	
unworked highway taxes		
for 1884,	5 13	
unworked highway taxes		
for 1885,	6 26	
M. C. Clark, his tax list		
for 1886 in full,	9138 73	
	<hr/>	\$11,431 55
Paid State and County tax,	\$4,194 83	
Schools,	1,204 00	
Pauper bills,	298 67	
Religious societies,	51 91	
Highways and Bridges,	511 21	
Breaking Roads,	1,256 68	
Bonds and Coupons,	1 364 00	
Notes and Interest,	731 59	
Dog depredations,	77 76	
Miscellaneous,	171 51	
Public Water,	15 00	
Printing and Stationery,	52 01	
Abatements,	103 05	
Town Officers,	436 85	
Cash on hand to balance,	962 48	
	<hr/>	\$11,431 55

GEORGE A. YEATON, Treasurer.

Wakefield, March 4th, 1887.

We, the subscribers, two of the Auditors for the town of Wakefield, having this day carefully examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer, hereby report that we find them well vouched for and correctly cast.

GEORGE H. GAGE, }
SIMON BLAKE, } Auditors.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL BOARD.

Again the school year has come to a close, and it becomes the duty of the School Board to make the annual report of the condition and progress of the schools in town during the year just past.

In entering upon the duties of the office, the members of your School Board were fully aware, as every reasonable person must have been, that they were entering upon new and untrodden paths under the untried School Law; and that perplexities and obstacles were expected to be met with at every turn and change. These expectations have been, to some extent, realized, though they are happy to say no serious or obstinate opposition has been encountered. As was anticipated, there was found in every part of the town more or less opposition to the new School Law which requires such radical changes in the administration of our schools; but, generally, the good citizens of the town, though they may not fully acquiesce in, yet quietly submit to, the demands of the law and await the results of the workings of the school system under it. That important changes in our school laws were needed has been abundantly proved. More than one-third of all the School districts in the state furnished not more than twelve scholars each, and more than one-eighth of the whole number not over four to six scholars each, while one district in Grafton County had no school for fourteen consecutive years for want of children to educate, and the money belonging to it accumulated all these years, and still remains unexpended. Many other nearly parallel cases can be cited nearer home. That

some modification of the new law is needed no one will deny ; but before it is denounced or condemned it should be given a fair trial. The district system was well adapted to meet the wants of the schools at the time it was established, and, probably, no better means could have been devised at that time. Our fathers were wise in their day and generation, but the world moves on, and as it moves it brings about changes in the conditions and phases of all the departments of life, and, hence corresponding changes are required in the administration of life's affairs—and in none more so than in the conduct of our common schools. "Other times bring other needs." It takes time and effort to overcome the prejudices and obliterate the old landmarks of antiquity, to make way for the advanced ideas of education and training. We must keep step with the music, in the march of time, or "get left."

At the commencement of the year it was made unpleasantly evident to the School Board that their efforts would be crippled for want of funds to carry on the schools with success. A reduction of the school fund from \$2744 22 for the previous year, to \$1375 05 for the past year, left but meager means to work with. How to parcel this out among the different schools, in the wages of teachers, purchase of fuel, transportation of scholars, necessary repairs of school houses and other incidental expenses, so as to obtain satisfactory results in the education of our youth, was a problem difficult to solve. It was seen that some change in the management of our schools was imperatively demanded. The registers for the previous year recorded 4 as the largest number that attended school in District No. 4, while the average in No. 10, for the last term, was only 2, and the whole number during the year was 6. These two schools were discontinued, and provision made for the scholars in other schools.

Districts No. 6 and No. 11 were united for school purposes, the first term being held in the school house in No. 6, and the second term in the school house in No. 11. Thus the number of schools was reduced from 12 to 9.

From the decrease in the number of scholars in some schools since the close of the terms, by removals from town and other causes, further reduction will become necessary the ensuing year. It would be far better and cheaper to furnish private instruction for such children as cannot otherwise be accommodated, than to attempt to run schools with only three or four scholars.

Board, or transportation, to and from school, has been provided for most of the children who would have been subjected to much inconvenience or hardship by the changes that have been made, and parents who have neglected to take advantage of this provision, will find such neglect attended with great loss to their children.

Most of the teachers employed have been competent, experienced and well trained for their work, and the results in nearly all the schools have been highly satisfactory. On the whole, taking into consideration the short time the schools have been in operation, with little abatement, the work done has been not only creditable to the teachers but satisfactory to parents and pupils, and commendable to the School Board, and we congratulate the citizens of the town on the progress made in the studies, the good conduct and prosperity of the schools.

Instead of uniformity, great diversity of text-books exist. In several schools there is a variety of text-books on the same subjects. This is detrimental to proper advancement, and calls for speedy correction. It was thought best, for prudential reasons, to make but few changes in school books the past year. Smith's Physiology and Hygiene, prepared with special reference to the effect of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics upon the human system, has been directed to be used ; and hereafter no other text books on this subject will be recognized for five years, at least. Parents and others, in purchasing, will do well to keep this in mind. Smith's Primary Physiology and Hygiene is deemed best suited to the capacities of children between 10 and 14 years of age. This book can be obtained by applying to the School Board.

The following tables exhibit the statistical record :

TABLE NO. 1.

Name of School.	Terms.	NAME OF TEACHER.	Length of school in weeks.	Whole No. of Scholars.	Average daily attendance.	No. of different scholars registered.	No. who have not been absent.	No. in Arithmetic.	No. in Geography.	No. in Grammar.	No. in History.	No. in Drawing.	No. in Physiology.	No. in Book keeping.	No. in Algebra.	No. in Geology.	No. in Composition.	No. in Philosophy.	No. of visits by School Board.	No. visits by citizens.	Wages per Month including Board.
Piper. (No. 1)	First.	Miss Sadie Cate.	8	21	19	26	3	18	17	9	3	11	9	6	1	1	1	2	2	14	\$ 24
Corner. (No. 2)	First.	Miss Marion Odione.	8	26	21	26	3	19	19	10	3	19	10	1	1	1	3	3	3	9	24
N. Wakefield (No. 3)	First.	Miss A. E. Cafe.	8	26	22	33	6	23	16	8	3	1	3	1	4	4	2	2	3	18	28
Oak Hill. (No. 5)	First.	Miss Jane Cook.	8	23	18	33	1	22	15	12	3	1	12	13	4	6	4	2	2	10	24
† (Nos. 6 & 7)	Second.	Miss M. S. Wentworth.	8	13	11	14	7	8	2	4	5	4	6	7	6	2	4	3	2	2	24
Nutter. (No. 7)	First.	Miss M. S. Wentworth.	8	23	22	24	15	22	20	19	16	12	21	8	2	2	4	3	2	9	28
Dow. (No. 8)	First.	Miss Belle C. Fall.	8	24	23	24	14	24	21	19	13	8	3	7	2	2	4	3	3	28	24
Union. (No. 9)	First.	Miss Belle C. Fall.	10	13	11	24	12	21	19	13	8	3	2	8	2	2	1	1	3	16	24
Junction. (No. 12)	Second.	Mrs. G. W. Seward.	8	17	13	26	2	7	3	4	1	2	6	2	2	2	1	3	3	3	24
	First.	Miss H. A. Guptill.	8	12	10	26	2	7	3	4	1	2	6	2	2	2	1	3	3	3	24
	Second.	Miss A. P. Smith.	8	13	7	20	8	3	5	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	3	4	28
	First.	Mrs. H. A. N. Bertsch.	8	14	11	20	1	8	3	5	4	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	3	4	28
	Second.	Miss F. S. Cooper.	8	16	13	21	1	11	7	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	3	2	10
	First.	Miss S. R. Beane.	8	43	35	55	7	12	9	4	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	28
	First.	Mr. J. Starr Barker.	8	43	35	55	9	35	15	8	2	5	3	3	3	3	1	1	4	17	30
	Second.	Mr. G. H. Moulton.	8	47	38	55	7	35	15	8	2	5	3	3	3	3	1	1	4	17	30
	First.	{ Miss Jane Cook.	8	73	69	19	37	19	12	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	2	15	24
	Second.	{ Miss M. E. Coleman, Asst.	8	78	66	86	13	43	20	16	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3	16	43
		{ Mr. H. E. Chamberlain.	8	78	66	86	13	43	20	16	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3	16	43

† Wentworth and Woodman. * Not given by the teacher.

TABLE NO. 2.

Whole number of scholars not less than 5 years old who have attended not less than 2 weeks,	286
Number under 5 years,	6
Number between 5 and 15,	250
Number over 16,	20
Number of different scholars registered during the year,	305
Number of children returned by selectmen, { Males, - Females, -	116 106
Number of children between 5 and 15 not attending school,	8
Number of persons between 14 and 21 unable to read and write,	7
Number of visits by school board,	44
Number of visits by citizens,	180
Money raised by law,	\$1,081.50
Literary fund,	188.80
Interest on school fund,	44.75
Interest on money from sale of town farm,	60.00
Total amount of school money from all sources,	\$1,375.05

The Junction school and, perhaps, the one at Union, ought to be graded. At the Junction a new school room should be provided for the lower grade at the earliest time possible. This school, with its 86 scholars, as the report shows, and constantly increasing—of all grades, ages and conditions—can never be made to realize half its possibilities under its present management. The school house at Union was provided with a school room in the upper part, for small scholars, several years ago.

WAKEFIELD ACADEMY.

The benefit of the Ellen A. Dow fund is seen in the advantages derived from it by many of the young people of our town, and others out of town, who have profited by the school held here by its aid. It is seen in stimulating our youth to higher aims and a more elevated standard of scholarship. The citizens of Wakefield are certainly under great obligation to Hon. Seth Low for the interest he has taken in their welfare, by this endowment; and to him, no doubt, the most appreciable acknowledgement of the obligation they are under for this liberality would be to establish a Town High School, in which the humblest citizen could feel a just pride—in connection with this fund—with a regular course of studies where our sons, and our daughters, too, could be fitted for college or the higher destinies of life. Such possibilities are before us, and we have only to make the proper effort to attain them.

By request, the following paragraph was prepared by Rev. A. H. Thompson, who is made one of the trustees of the Ellen A. Dow fund:

“Wakefield Academy. Supported by Ellen A. Dow fund and tuition. Spring term of ten weeks under its previous principal, Elmer E. French. Number of scholars on roll, 38. Fall term, eight weeks; 19 or 20 scholars. Teacher, John F. Manson. The school labors under some disadvantages—not quite money enough for two terms, and too much for one. The school room is far from adapted to the needs of a modern school, however

well it served the ancients. Coming from different schools, in town and out, where there is little grading, the scholars cannot be arranged for instruction with the greatest advantage. The schools in town, under direction of the Board of Education, might be so uniformly graded as to serve as fitting schools for the Academy, which stands in the place of a High School, which every ambitious town should have. Until then, variety will exist at the expense of uniformity, unity and profit. Several from towns outside of Wakefield, have availed themselves of the privilege, and have been scholars of the Academy. The providing of suitable rooms and other attractions might draw in a goodly number from neighboring towns, and thus there will be an increase in the value of the school. And the same good teacher should be kept right along, if possible."

That your School Board, in the discharge of the money and perplexing duties which have fallen to them, have made no mistakes would be too much to expect; but warned by the mistakes, and guided by the experiences of the past year, they hope for better results hereafter, especially, if the material aid, in the shape of funds so much needed, is provided by the town.

They cannot close this report without earnestly urging that, at least, the sum of \$600 in addition to the amount required by law, be raised for the support of Schools.

MORRILL B. SMITH,
JOHN G. SANBORN.

